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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:
(CE)

***An Act Concerning Insurance For The Development Of
Brownfields.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) As used in this act, the following terms shall have
2 the following meanings:

3 (1) "Business firm" means any business entity authorized to do
4 business in the state and subject to tax imposed under chapter 207, 208,
5 209, 210, 211, 212 or 212a of the general statutes.

6 (2) "Eligible project" means the remediation of a brownfield site
7 alone or in conjunction with any of the following activities in an
8 eligible municipality: (A) The construction of new housing or a new
9 facility; (B) the substantial rehabilitation; or (C) the demolition of an
10 existing facility or existing housing.

11 (3) "Brownfield" means an abandoned, idled or under-used
12 industrial or commercial facility or site where development, expansion
13 or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental
14 contamination.

15 Sec. 2. (NEW) There is created a Brownfield Development Insurance
16 Fund. Such fund shall be available to provide a matching grant to a
17 business firm for the cost of fifty per cent of an insurance premium for
18 an eligible project, as defined in subdivision (2) of section 1 of this act.

19 Sec. 3. (NEW) (a) There shall be deposited in the Brownfield
20 Development Insurance Fund established pursuant to section 2 of this
21 act: (1) The proceeds of notes, bonds or other obligations issued by the
22 state for the purpose of deposit therein and use in accordance with the
23 permissible uses thereof; (2) funds appropriated by the General
24 Assembly for the purpose of deposit therein and use in accordance
25 with the permissible uses thereof; (3) interest or other income earned
26 on the investment of moneys in the Brownfield Development
27 Insurance Fund; and (4) any additional moneys made available from
28 any source, public or private, for the purposes for which said fund has
29 been established.

30 (b) Moneys deposited in the Brownfield Development Insurance
31 Fund shall be held separate and apart from all other moneys, funds
32 and accounts. Investment earnings credited to the assets of such fund
33 shall become part of the assets of such account. Any balance remaining
34 in such fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward in
35 such fund for the fiscal year next succeeding.

36 Sec. 4. (NEW) (a) The subsidiary of the Connecticut Development
37 Authority created pursuant to subsection (1) of section 32-11a of the
38 general statutes, may approve a grant of matching funds equal to fifty
39 per cent of the cost of an insurance premium for an eligible project.

40 (b) Any business firm may apply to said subsidiary for a matching
41 grant in accordance with the provisions of this section. The application
42 for a grant shall contain such information as said subsidiary deems
43 necessary to determine the eligibility of the project, and shall be in a
44 form and manner prescribed by said subsidiary.

45 (c) Applications made in accordance with subsection (b) of this

46 section may be submitted on an ongoing basis. Said subsidiary shall
47 review each application and shall, not later than thirty days following
48 its receipt approve or disapprove the application, or notify the
49 applicant that additional information is required before a decision can
50 be made. The decision of said subsidiary to approve or disapprove an
51 application pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be in
52 writing.

53 (d) The executive director of the Connecticut Development
54 Authority shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of
55 chapter 54 of the general statutes, for the purpose of establishing
56 requirements and procedures necessary to carry out the provisions of
57 this act.

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a Brownfield Development Insurance Fund.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]